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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Confirmation No.: 6695
Naoki MITSUTA et al. Group Art Unit: 1795
Application No.: 10/505,442 Examiner: Alix E. ECHELMAYER
Filed: August 31, 2004 Attorney Docket No.: 101175-00054
For: MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 17, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated April 4, 2008, the Applicants hereby elect Group I directed to Claims 1 – 11, drawn to a membrane electrode structure for a fuel cell. This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Group I, Claims 1 – 11 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 101175-00054.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George E. Oram, Jr." Below the signature, the name "George E. Oram, Jr." is printed in a smaller font, followed by "Registration Number 27,931".

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